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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Reich O'Hara Chandler of Lufkin, who passed away on October 21,
4 2006, at the age of 39; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on December 28, 1966, Reich Chandler graduated
6 in 1985 from Lufkin High School, where he was a state and nationally
7 ranked tennis player; he attended Baylor University on a full
8 tennis scholarship and went on to win the 1989 Southwest Conference
9 doubles championship and the Baylor University Scholar-Athlete
10 Award; and

11 WHEREAS, Earning a bachelor's degree in history, Mr. Chandler
12 subsequently earned a juris doctorate in 1992 and embarked on a
13 career as a trial lawyer with Andrews & Kurth, LLP, in Houston and
14 Dallas; in 1995, he returned to his hometown and joined his father
15 at the Chandler Law Offices; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed attorney distinguished himself
17 through his leadership in several professional organizations,
18 including the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, which he served as a
19 member of the executive committee and as a longtime member of the
20 board; moreover, he was a former president of the East Texas Trial
21 Lawyers and of the Young Advocates of Texas, and he was elected a
22 member of the American Board of Trial Advocates; recognized as a
23 *Texas Monthly* Super Lawyer for several years in a row, he was
24 awarded the highest rating from the *Martindale-Hubbell Law*

1 *Directory*; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Chandler married the love of his life, the
3 former Nancy Hanks, on November 3, 2000, and together they enjoyed
4 traveling to numerous distant locales; deeply devoted to his
5 family, Mr. Chandler took great pleasure in sharing the morning
6 paper with his daughter, Sydney, whom he affectionately called
7 "Muffin"; and

8 WHEREAS, Motivated by a genuine desire to help people, Mr.
9 Chandler inspired others with his passionate pursuit of justice and
10 his zest for life; an avid reader and engaging conversationalist,
11 he enthusiastically supported his alma mater through his
12 participation in the Baylor Letterman's Association, and he was a
13 faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Lufkin; and

14 WHEREAS, Although his life ended far too soon, Reich Chandler
15 leaves behind a legacy of warmth, optimism, and courage that will
16 forever be treasured by all those fortunate enough to have shared in
17 the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Reich O'Hara Chandler
20 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
21 wife, Nancy Hanks Chandler; to his daughter, Sydney Harper
22 Chandler; to his parents, George and Martha Chandler; to his
23 sister, Kelly Michaels, and her husband, Jimmy; to his grandfather,
24 O'Hara Chandler; to his in-laws, H. A. and Jean Hanks, Helen Hanks,
25 and Julie Gilliland and her husband, Tim; to his nine nieces and
26 nephews; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
27 further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Reich
4 O'Hara Chandler.